WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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 $\mathring{m{t}}$. A card connector comprising:

a connector housing having a lower housing and a metal upper housing;

contact terminals arranged to engage with contact pads of an inserted card; and

one or more switches each operated by engagement and disengagement of a pair of metal pieces;

wherein one of the each pair of metal pieces making up each of said switches is formed in said metal upper housing.

- 2. A card connector according to claim 1, wherein said one of each pair of metal pieces is a contact leaf spring extending from an end portion of said upper housing like a cantilevered beam.
- 3. A card connector according to claim 1, wherein said switch is a card recognition switch to detect the presence or absence of the inserted card.
- A card connector according to claim 1, wherein said card has a slidable write protect button at its
 side surface and said switch detects a slide position of the write protect button.

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